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RECONCILIATION WITH JORDAN

1. REGULAR EMBASSY SOURCE RELATED RECENT CONVERSATION WITH KHALID FAHUM IN WHICH FAHUM DISPLAYED UNCHARACTERISTIC PESSIMISM ABOUT CURRENT ARAB PEACE EFFORTS. FAHUM INTERPRETED RECENT EGYPTIAN DIPLOMACY IN AFRICA AS EFFORT TO SCORE SOME DIPLOMATIC SUCCESSES IN AREA WHERE EGYPT'S RELATIVELY LARGE SIZE AND CADRE OF EDUCATED PEOPLE WOULD GIVE IT CERTAIN NATURAL ADVANTAGES. HE ALSO FELT SADAT MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN ANOTHER PARTIAL AGREEMENT IN ORDER TO SHELVE THE ME PROBLEM FOR PERIOD SUFFICIENTLY LONG TO DEAL WITH EGYPT'S ECONOMIC WOES. HE OPINED THAT ONLY PROSPECT OF RENEWED POLITICAL ISOLATION IN ARAB WORLD RESTRAINED SADAT FROM MAKING SUCH MOVE. FAHUM STILL BELIEVED THE PLO LEADER-
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SHIP HAD MADE GRAVE ERROR IN OPPOSING SYRIA IN LEBANON, AS A CONSEQUENCE, THEY WERE FORCED TO TURN TO SADAT FOR AID, PERMITTING HIM TO ESCAPE THE OPPROBIUM HE HAD INCURRED BY CONCLUDING SINAI II AGREEMENT.

2. RECENT AL-QABAS STORY THAT FAHUM AND PLO DELEGATION IN JORDAN FOR RENEWED TALKS WAS FALSE, ACCORDING TO SOURCE.

FAHUM SAID THAT HE HAD NO DEFINITE DATE FOR ANOTHER AMMAN VISIT. (COMMENT: EVEN SYRIAN PRESS HAD SEVERAL TIMES ERRONEOUSLY CARRIED ARTICLES IN APRIL REPORTING FAHUM WOULD VISIT JORDAN ON SPECIFIC DATES.) SOURCE SAID FAHUM INDICATED THAT INITIAL TALKS WERE DESIGNED "TO BREAK THE ICE," BUT SOURCE IMPLIED THAT FAHUM LESS OPTIMISTIC THAN IN PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS ON PROSPECTS FOR RAPID PROGRESS IN THESE TALKS.

3. COMMENT: FAHUM BELIEVES THAT ANY PALESTINIAN STATE SHOULD BE PART OF LARGER EASTERN ARAB CONFERATION INCLUDING EGYPT. HIS PESSIMISTIC INTERPRETATION OF SADAT'S INTENTIONS REFLECTS ANXIETY WITH WHICH MANY PALESTINIAN -- AND SYRIAN OFFICIALS AS WELL -- VIEW SADAT'S INTENTIONS IN LIGHT OF HIS COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC CRISIS.
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